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EXCISE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and has the honor to present in accordance with accepted principles of international law a claim for $40,000 on behalf of [redacted] parents of [redacted] a member of the United States Armed Services who was killed while serving aboard the U.S.S. Liberty when it was attacked by Israeli air and naval units on June 8, 1967.

It is established from evidence available to the Government of the United States that [redacted] is now and has been a citizen of the United States since 1928, at least, as a result of the naturalization of his father at Trenton, New Jersey; [redacted] is a citizen of the United States by birth at Williamsburg, Virginia, on January 12, 1913; and that they are the natural parents of [redacted]

The evidence further establishes that the decedent [redacted] was a citizen of the United States since September 12, 1939, the date of his birth at San Diego, California; was a member of the United States Armed

The amount of the claim includes a specific allowance for shock and emotional anguish suffered by the parents as a result of the violent severing of family ties. It also includes an allowance for future support, services and other benefits which the decedent could reasonably be expected to have provided to his parents.

The Embassy of the United States confidently anticipates on the basis of assurances previously given by the Government of Israel that the Government of Israel promptly will compensate the Government of the United States on behalf of the parents of [redacted] for the amount claimed.

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Tel Aviv, DEC 29 1967